

Exercise 2.4(Past Perfect Continuous Tense)

1. Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences. Use the words given in boxes.

- (i) He had been playing chess since 7 O'clock.
- (ii) You had been waiting for 2 hours.
- (iii) We had been trying to open the door for 5 minutes.
- (iv) It had been raining hard for 3 hours.
- (v) Her friends had been thinking of calling the police when she walked in.
- (vi) They had been talking for an hour.
- (vii) She had been working at that company for three years.
- (viii) He had been jogging for an hour.
- (ix) Peter had been overeating for 4 years, that is why he is so fat.
- (x) He had been exercising for an hour.
- (xi) I had been studying all day, so I was tired.

2. Change the following sentences into negative form.

- (i) They had not been playing cricket since morning.
- (ii) He had not been playing saxophone in a jazz band.
- (iii) It had not been drizzling for two days.
- (iv) We had not been waiting long when a waitress came up to us.
- (v) She had not been teaching in this school for five years.
- (vi) The three of us had not been studying for hours.
- (vii) You had not been watching television for four hours.
- (viii) I had not been living in this house since 2001.
- (ix) She had not been shopping for eight hours.

3. Change the following into interrogative form.

- (i) Had the boys been flying kites since 4 O'clock?
- (ii) Had the family been living in a council house for many years?
- (iii) Had he been looking for a job since last year?
- (iv) Had she been sleeping since evening?
- (v) Had we been traveling by train across Europe?

- (vi) Had the gardener been watering plants for two hours?
- (vii) Had we been solving these sums for an hour?

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